

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Reissue Patent Application

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As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names;

we are the patentees of United States Patent No., 5,873,073

we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims;

we verily believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the invention entitled

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MAIL PIECE PRODUCTION UTILIZING A DATA CENTER AND INTER-RELATED COMMUNICATION NETWORKS

described in said Patent and described and claimed in the attached specification; for which invention a reissue patent is hereby solicited in accordance with the provisions of Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.171 – 1.179. Said reissue patent application was filed on July 28, 2000, and assigned the serial number 09/628,496 in the United States Patent And Trademark Office;

we will surrender said Patent upon notice of allowability of the subject application;

we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims;

we acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a);

we do not know and do not believe the invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application for said Patent, that the invention was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application for said Patent, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of the application of said Patent in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application of said Patent, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application for said Patent by us or our legal representatives or assigns;

we verily believe that we have claimed less than we had a right to claim in said Patent, and therefore we verily believe that the subject Patent is partly inoperative;

more particularly, the claims (1-19) of said Patent recite the details of a method of defining and producing a finished mail piece in excessive detail but do not recite any limitation relating to the ability of the system for producing an unfranked mailpiece as claimed.

We believe that all errors being corrected in the reissue application up to the time of filing of the oath or declaration under this paragraph arose without any deceptive intention on our part;

We hereby appoint the following attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith;

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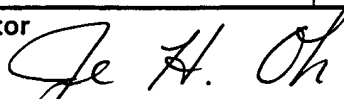
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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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